

TIPS FOR PEDESTRIANS WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENTS

RELYING ON VISION

People who rely on vision only to watch for vehicles need to understand how lighting, sight lines, and features of vehicles can impact their ability to see them.



Even if you are wearing a hearing aid, the direction from which the sound is coming from may be difficult to determine. Being extra alert of your surroundings is important.

Cross only at places where you have clear visibility for some distance. Where there are no traffic lights at a pedestrian crossing, acknowledge the driver through eye contact or a hand gesture such as the deaf sign for thank you.

YOU MAY NOTICE THAT:

- Certain features of vehicles (headlights, sun reflection, various colors, etc.) make vehicles easier or harder to see.
- Know when you can see vehicles best. Sometimes it's easier to see vehicles at an angle rather than one coming right at you.
- Lighting conditions can effect your ability to see vehicles.
- Your line of sight may be blocked by crossing vehicles.
- Your vision fluctuates, and you might see better at some times and worse at others.

UNDERSTANDING THE THINGS THAT AFFECT YOU CAN HELP YOU TRAVEL MORE SAFELY.